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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2001

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#01-36 Equilon Enterprises v. Consumer Cause, Inc., S094877. (B130701; 85 Cal.App.4th 654.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment dismissing a civil action.

#01-37 <u>Navellier v. Sletten</u>, S095000. (A090058.) Unpublished opinion. Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a special motion to strike under Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16.

Equilon Enterprises and Navellier present the issue of whether a defendant seeking the dismissal of an action under the anti-SLAPP statute (Code Civ. Proc., § 425.16) must show that the action was brought with the intent to chill the defendant's exercise of the constitutional rights of free speech or to petition the government for redress of grievances.

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